

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please amend claims 1, 2 and 8 as shown below, in which deleted terms are shown with strikethrough and/or added terms are shown with underscoring.

1. (Currently amended) A method for manufacturing a fuel inlet comprising the steps of:

expanding one end of a long-length metal pipe;

cutting off a tip of the long-length metal pipe which has becomes non-uniform as a result of said expanding step;

forming a screw structure in the expanded end of the long-length metal pipe;

cutting off a tip of the long-length metal pipe which has becomes non-uniform as a result of said screw structure forming step; and

curling the expanded end of the long-length metal pipe ~~so that the curled end becomes~~  
which has become uniform and provides so as to provide a seal portion.

2. (Currently amended) A method for manufacturing a fuel inlet comprising the steps of:

preparing a short-length metal pipe, one end of which has a small diameter and the other end of which has a large diameter, by ~~conducting a drawing process to a plate or~~ conducting a drawing process or an expanding process to ~~the~~ the short-length metal pipe;

cutting off a tip of the large diameter end of the short-length metal pipe which has becomes non-uniform;

forming a screw structure in the large diameter end of the short-length metal pipe in which the non-uniform tip has been cut off;

cutting off a tip of the short-length metal pipe which has becomes non-uniform as a

result of said screw structure forming step ;

curling the large diameter end of the short-length metal pipe so that the curled end becomes which has become uniform and provides so as to provide a fuel feed nozzle retaining bracket having a seal portion; and

welding said fuel feed nozzle retaining bracket to a long-length metal pipe, one end of which has been expanded.

3. (Previously presented) The method of claim 1, wherein said screw structure is a double-start thread structure.

4. (Previously presented) The method of claim 3, wherein said double-start thread structure is formed using a main-forming punch and a sub-forming punch in which preliminary forming is conducted by using said sub-forming punch, and thereafter said main-forming punch is advanced to form said double-start thread structure.

5. (Previously presented) The method of claim 1, wherein said seal portion providing step is comprised of preliminary forming and finishing forming in which said preliminary forming is conducted in a state where a retaining die is partially inserted into the screw structure and said finishing forming is conducted by using convex and concave dies.

6. (Previously presented) The method of claim 2, wherein said screw structure is a double-start thread structure.

7. (Previously presented) The method of claim 6, wherein said double-start thread structure is formed using a main-forming punch and a sub-forming punch in which preliminary forming is conducted by using said sub-forming punch, and thereafter said main-forming punch is advanced to form said double-start thread structure.

8. (Currently amended) The method of ~~claim 1~~ claim 1, wherein said metal pipe is formed of stainless steel.

9. (Previously presented) The method of claim 2, wherein said short-length and long-length metal pipes are formed of stainless steel.